GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF HIV TEST KITS WITHOUT LICENCE
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that Dr. Reddy`s Laboratories Ltd. Hyderabad has been marketing imported HIV spot test kits without having import licence; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS

SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU

(a)&(b):Yes, Sir. Since some of the HIV spot kits belonging to Dr. Reddy`s Loboratories Limited, Hydarabad were found to be sold in the market prior to laboratory batch test and clearance, a strict warning has been issued to the firm by the Office of Drug Controller General (India). The State Drug Controller, Andhra Pradesh has separately confirmed that the firm has recalled the kits from the market. The application of the firm for import permission of HIV spot kits from M/s. Gene labs, Singapore has since been approved as the kits evaluated by CMC, Vellore were reported to be of acceptable quality.

(c) Directions have been issued to all Port Officers to be vigilant and not permit any import of drugs without regular import permission and also to monitor imports carefully.